



# Message from the Chairman



**In 2023, ARTBA's primary advocacy focus was year-two implementation of the landmark Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).**

This meant working with congressional allies to help secure \$106 billion in federal highway, public transit and airport investment that is being felt in the construction marketplace. It also meant continuing to push for the implementation of IIJA's policy provisions with a goal of ensuring more efficient project delivery, as intended by Congress.

At the same time, ARTBA was looking down the road. We began laying the groundwork for the next multi-year highway and public transit reauthorization bill, due in fall 2026. The association launched an external communications campaign to tell the story of how federal infrastructure dollars are being used to improve mobility, safety, quality of life and economic opportunity in every state and congressional district in America. This effort featured site visits with members of Congress, project tours and briefings for 100 Capitol Hill staff, and production of 60 written stories and short-form videos for social media highlighting select IIJA projects.

Among other notable activities aimed at serving our members' interests, we:

- Provided learning, networking, business development opportunities, and safety training to 3,600 industry professionals.
- Filed 30 sets of comments with federal agencies on proposed regulations.

Special thanks to ARTBA members and state contractor chapter executives for your personal leadership, engagement, and financial support during 2023. You helped make possible the achievements outlined in this annual report.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Duit', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**TIM DUIT**  
President  
Duit Construction Co., Inc.

# MARKET PROTECTION

The implementation of the funding and policy provisions in year-two of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) was the top advocacy priority for ARTBA and its members.

For Fiscal Year 2023, Congress approved \$92.7 billion in highway, bridge, and public transit investment, along with \$3.4 billion in supplemental resources for highways and \$8.9 billion in airport construction funding.

Among other ARTBA initiatives to demonstrate the value of federal transportation investment:

**Dec. 7:** House staff attended a briefing on IIJA's second anniversary to hear how states have initiated more than 61,000 improvement projects since the law's November 2021 enactment.



**Oct. 3:** More than 50 Senate staff learned more about how the transportation construction industry and state transportation departments relied on innovation, trust, and hard work to quickly address infrastructure disruptions following a July Pennsylvania interstate highway truck crash and 2022 Florida hurricane.



**March 28:** ARTBA Chair Paula Hammond testified before the House Highways & Transit Subcommittee and outlined the IIJA projects moving forward in every congressional district. She also voiced the industry's concerns about Buy America, inflation and the need to accelerate transportation project delivery.

## Regulatory & Legal Advocacy

ARTBA regularly articulated the need to implement IIJA's policy provisions in a timely manner to maximize the law's funding. The association created new opportunities for its members to interact with federal agency officials and filed over 30 sets of comments with the industry's perspectives on a variety of regulatory matters. Members also participated in webinars with senior Biden administration officials to receive guidance on Davis-Bacon rules and other issues.



## On two other noteworthy fronts:

**May:** The U.S. Supreme Court agreed with ARTBA and the National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) exceeded its authority in developing new wetlands regulations. The Court ruled favorably in the *Sackett vs. EPA* case, forcing the agency to rewrite its “Waters of the United States” rule. EPA in September revised its rule but did not follow the Court’s directive. In response, ARTBA and industry allies filed new challenges in federal courts in Texas and North Dakota, requesting that the agency comply with the Court’s decision.

**August:** The Biden administration’s Made in America Office (MIAO), a component of the White House Office of Management and Budget, released long-awaited parameters for implementing Buy America requirements revised by Congress in the IIJA. At the urging of ARTBA, the U.S. Department of Transportation issued a waiver exempting certain de minimis costs and smaller projects. The guidance, however, leaves substantial uncertainty about the new process which ARTBA is continuing to work to address through the regulatory and litigation arenas.



## Transportation Makes America Work (TMAW)

ARTBA’s TMAW program helped drive the industry’s legislative, regulatory, legal, and communications agenda related to the IIJA. Thanks to the following 2023 supporters:

- Associated Pennsylvania Constructors
- Virginia Transportation Construction Alliance
- AECOM
- Ohio Contractors Association
- Tennessee Road Builders Association
- HCSS
- Caterpillar Inc.
- UTCA of New Jersey
- Beaver Excavating
- Construction Industries of Massachusetts
- HNTB Corporation
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## Among key TMAW initiatives:

### # Infrastructure Investment Works Campaign

**June:** ARTBA launched a multi-media communications campaign aimed at telling the story of how IIJA funds are being used to fix transportation infrastructure and improve quality of life for communities across the country. These “project profiles” were shared with members of Congress, their staff, state DOTs and other relevant stakeholders. By year’s end, more than 60 written profiles and short-form videos were produced and distributed.



### Highway Dashboard

The analytics tool—**artbahighwaydashboard.org**—which tracks IIJA projects by state and congressional district, was visited 18,600 times.



### TranspoInfo.org

There were more than 900 visits by congressional staff to **TranspoInfo.org**, a newly created portal to access information about the scope of a state’s transportation network, funding trends, and the economic impacts of infrastructure investment.



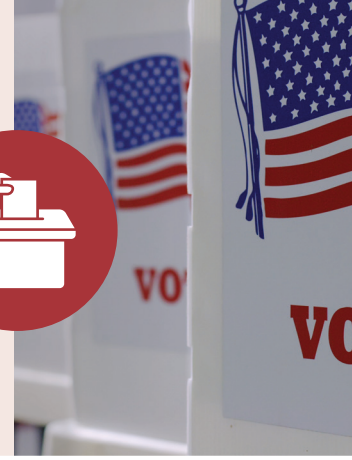
### National Bridge Conditions Report

**August:** ARTBA’s 9th annual bridge conditions report card received national attention and was picked up by 400 news outlets.



## Transportation Investment Advocacy Center™ (TIAC)

TIAC helped state and local advocates to advance their transportation investment campaigns. This included providing model legislative and ballot language. At the ballot box, voters approved 88 percent of 239 initiatives, which will generate an estimated \$6.6 billion in one-time and recurring revenue for projects. Lawmakers in 29 states also approved 37 measures for over \$23 billion combined in new transportation revenue.



## National Coalition Support

TMAW was also the vehicle for ARTBA to provide leadership and major financial support for coalitions and organizations that back our pro-transportation infrastructure investment agenda in the Nation's Capital, including:

- ARTBA co-chaired Transportation Construction Coalition
- TRIP: National Transportation Research Nonprofit
- Waters Advocacy Coalition
- Construction Industry Safety Coalition
- National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices
- Small Business Legislative Council



## Project Site Visits

**Aug. 17:** Rep. Sharice Davids (D-Kan.), a House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee member, toured the U.S. 69 Corridor Modernization and Expansion Project in the Kansas City suburb of Overland Park. The event was hosted by ARTBA, the Kansas Contractors Association, and U.S. 69 Express Constructors.



**Aug. 22:** Staff from House and Senate congressional offices joined ARTBA, the Virginia Transportation Construction Alliance and member companies for a tour of the Route 7 Corridor Improvement Project, I-66 Express Mobility Project, and the 495NEXT Project in Northern Virginia.



# INDUSTRY LEADERSHIP

## Political Action Committee Contributors

ARTBA's Political Action Committee (PAC) offers industry executives and advocates an opportunity to participate in the federal election process and have their views heard. Special thanks to the following 2023 supporters:

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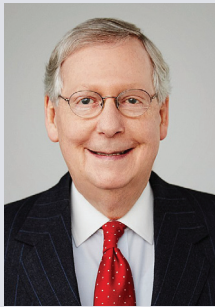
## Awards Program

Industry leaders from around the nation were recognized for their outstanding leadership as part of ARTBA's annual awards program, which included:



### ARTBA Award

Established in 1960 and the association's highest honor, the ARTBA Award recognizes individuals for their outstanding contributions that have advanced the broad goals of the association:



**U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell** (R-Ky.) for his role in the 2021 passage of the IIJA.

### George S. Bartlett Award

Established in 1931, it recognizes an individual who "has made an outstanding contribution to highway progress" and is co-sponsored by ARTBA, the American Association of State Highway & Transportation Officials and the Transportation Research Board.



The 2023 recipient was **Paul Yarossi** (pictured left), 2011 ARTBA chair and a five-decade senior executive with HNTB.

### P3 Division Awards

- Trailblazer of the Year: **Sallye Perrin**, WSP USA senior vice president
- Emerging Leader of the Year: **Victoria Jones**, Transurban project delivery director
- Innovation of the Year: **Transform 66 Outside the (D.C) Beltway Project** (pictured right)
- Community Impact of the Year: **D.C. Smart Street Lighting Project**





## Division Awards

ARTBA Division Award winners, who were selected by their peers, included:



Guy Kelcey Award (Planning & Design): **Chad Critcher**, senior vice president and design build leader, RS&H



Nello L. Teer, Jr. Award (Contractors): **John Pourbaix**, executive director, Construction Industries of Massachusetts



S.S. Steinberg Award (Research & Education Division): **Dr. Larry Rilett**, professor at Auburn University's Samuel Ginn College of Engineering and inaugural director of the university's Transportation Research Institute



John "Jake" Landen Memorial Highway Safety Award (Traffic Safety Industry): **Neil Boudreau**, top, (public sector), assistant administrator of traffic and safety, Massachusetts Department of Transportation



(MDOT); and **Lou Dema**, bottom, (private sector), environmental health and safety director at Skanska. Established in 1989 in memory of Traffic Safety Industry Division leader and Past ARTBA Chairman (1976) J.C. Landen, this annual award recognizes outstanding contributions to highway safety.

## Women Leaders in Transportation Design & Construction Council

Based on a collaboration between the Workforce Development and Women Leaders Councils, ARTBA produced five videos featuring members talking about their career pathways, project highlights, and advice for the next generation.



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# MEMBER SERVICES

## Meetings & Webinars

The association provided more than 2,000 industry professionals from across the U.S. and the world with a forum for policy discussions, and networking/business development opportunities at these events:

- Federal Issues Program & Transportation Construction Coalition (TCC) Washington Fly-In
- 35th Annual P3s in Transportation Conference
- 10th Annual National Workshop for State & Local Transportation Advocates
- Council of State Executives Summer Meeting
- National Work Zone Management Conference
- AASHTO-AGC-ARTBA Joint Committee Meeting
- National Convention
- Northeastern & Southern Regional Meeting Featuring the Dr. J Don Brock TransOvation™ Workshop and Western-Central Regional Meeting
- “Engineering Issues” events at the four AASHTO Regional Meetings
- Transportation Policy Briefing at CONEXPO-CON/AGG



## New Members

ARTBA welcomed 20 new companies and agencies into its membership ranks:

- 4M Analytics
- Alaska Department of Transportation
- Auburn University
- Construction Partners Inc.
- Flatiron
- HAAS Alert
- Invesis
- Iowa County Engineers Association
- LivSYT (Devin Tech Inc.)
- Minnesota County Engineers Association
- Missouri Department of Transportation
- Nevada Department of Transportation
- Ohio Department of Transportation
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